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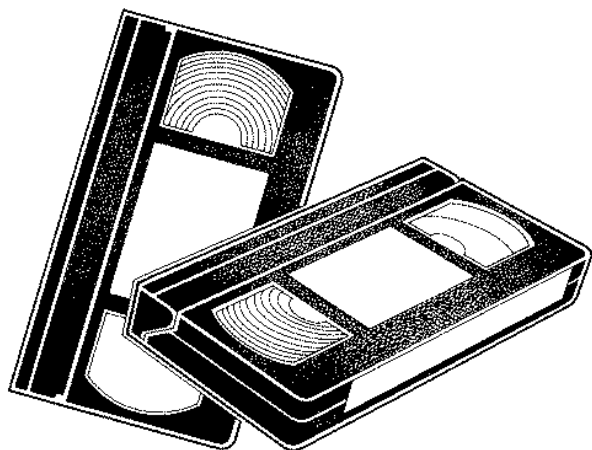
King County Solid Waste Division's School Recycling Program Newsletter

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KING COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE WORKSHOP MINI-GRANTS STILL AVAILABLE!

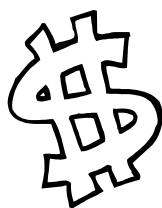
The King County Solid Waste Division's Household Hazardous Waste Program highlights the health and environmental effects of common household products, describes how to find and use safer alternatives, and contains a variety of hands-on lessons. King County fully funds this project, including offering mini-grants of up to \$200 for teacher planning time, purchase of materials, speaker fees, classroom activities, and fieldtrips. **Ward Bartel of Glacier Park Middle School** in Tahoma used his mini-grant to purchase blank videotapes and a tripod so that his students could write, produce, direct and act in eight videos on household hazardous waste. The videos will be shown to families, staff, community members, and elementary schools within the school district. Any teacher who has taken the *Hazards on the Homefront* workshop is eligible to apply for a mini-grant.



The King County Solid Waste Division will be holding one more workshop during this school year at the Shoreline Center on March 13, 1998. For more information about this program, contact Shannon Healey, Triangle Associates, Inc. at (206) 583-0655 or email shealey@triangleassociates.com.

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY'S WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING AWARDS PROGRAM

Public schools in Washington are invited to participate in the Department of Ecology's ninth annual Waste Reduction and Recycling Awards program. Any K-12 public school in Washington is eligible to apply in any or all three award categories: waste reduction, recycling, and composting. Last year, twenty schools won cash awards for their programs. For the 1997-98 school year, the Awards Program will provide a total of \$20,000 in prize money for:



- ◆ *Outstanding Waste Reduction and Recycling Awards*
 - *Five \$1,000 awards for elementary schools
 - *Five \$1,000 awards for middle/junior high schools
 - *Five \$1,000 awards for senior high schools



- ◆ *Best Waste Reduction Program Award*
 - *One \$2,500 award for K-12
- ◆ *Best Recycling Program Award*
 - * One \$2,500 award for K-12

Winning schools will be invited to an awards ceremony at the State Capitol in May. To enter, call Michelle Davis, Schools Coordinator, Department of Ecology at (360) 407-6122. Application deadline is no later than 4 p.m. March 20, 1998.

TOXICOLOGY FOR K-12 SCIENCE TEACHERS

Toxicology is the study of the effects of drugs, pesticides, food additives, air and water pollutants, and natural and human-made chemicals. The Society of Toxicology (SOT) is inviting K-12

science teachers to the 1998 Society of Toxicology Annual Meeting in Seattle to participate in a special one-day program that will include presentations, demonstrations, discussions, hands-on activities, and time to view exhibits and attend scientific sessions and poster sessions. This unique program is offered at minimal cost (\$15) to K-12 educators. *The SOT is not scheduled to hold another annual meeting in the Seattle area for at least five years.* SOT will pay costs for substitute teachers and mileage reimbursement. The program will be held at the Washington State Convention Center in downtown Seattle on Tuesday, March 3, 1998 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The registration deadline is February 15, 1998. For information, please contact Julie Hill or Janis Levine, Department of Environmental Health, University of Washington, 4225 Roosevelt Way NE, #100, Seattle, WA 98105, (206) 616-2643, or send email to juliane@u.washington.edu.

RECYCLEARTISTS PROGRAM UPDATE

The King County Solid Waste Division is currently sponsoring a program in which community artists work directly with junior high and high school students to promote recycling and resource conservation awareness through development and completion of an art project.



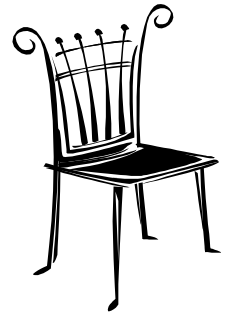
Students at **Olympus Northwest School, Snoqualmie Middle School, Chief Kanim Middle School, B.E.S.T. Alternative High School, and Auburn Riverside High School** will be assisted by video artists Malory

Graham and Marianna Haniger to create 30-second Public Service Announcements and video diaries that focus on the environment and how it is affected by consumer choices.

Students at **Bellevue High School** and **Northstar Junior High** will be assisted by Children's Museum artists Darwin Nordin and Rebecca

Watson to transform safe waste products, recyclable cast-offs, and seconds from businesses into functional pieces of furniture. The project enables students to explore natural resources, conservation, and recycling processes.

Students at the **Interagency Detention School** and the **Interagency Fairview School** in Seattle will be assisted by collage artist John Affolter in designing "green" houses using paper and photographs.



Finished products will be displayed to the student body, and, if possible, to the community. For more information, contact Bill Smith, King County Solid Waste Division, (206) 296-4407.

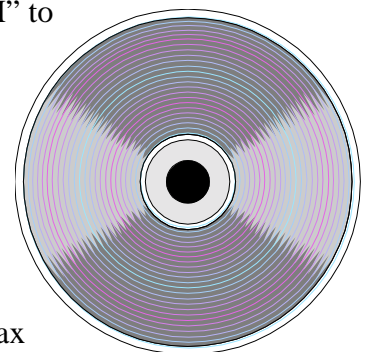
SUPER GREEN TEAM PROJECT!



Chris Andrews at Mirror Lake Elementary School reports that his class thought of a great new reduce, reuse, recycle idea. The students made mailboxes for their desks by reusing 2-liter plastic bottles and decorating them with old homework papers. The students are still coming up with new ideas on how to reuse soda bottles. Their next project is to make planters and Mother's Day baskets. Way to go, Green Team!

FREE PUGET SOUND MULTIMEDIA CD-ROM AVAILABLE

While supplies last, the Washington Sea Grant program is providing copies of "The Sound: Puget Sound Multimedia CD-ROM" to teachers at K-12 schools in Washington State. To get a copy for your school, simply send your request on school letterhead to Washington Sea Grant Program, Publications Office, 3716 Brooklyn Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98105 or fax to (206) 685-0380.



FOCUS GROUP

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

The King County Solid Waste Division is assessing the format and content of the Hazards on the Homefront workshops, as well as the resources such as the *Hazards on the Homefront* Guide. The County will then use this feedback to help design future programs. Any teacher who has taken the Hazards on the Homefront training and is interested in participating in this focus group should contact Jennifer Howell, Triangle Associates, Inc. at (206) 583-0655 or email jhowell@triangleassociates.com. Focus group participants will be compensated for their time.

BE A MASTER RECYCLER COMPOSTER



The King County Solid Waste Division will begin another training session for the Master Recycler Composter (MRC) Program this spring. MRCs are volunteers trained in resource conservation, waste prevention, and home composting. In return for this free training, volunteers commit to sharing what they learn with friends, neighbors, colleagues, and the community by participating in outreach events. Volunteers can also earn clock or credit hours for participating in the program.

The training will be held Tuesday evenings for six weeks beginning March 17 at Newport High School in Bellevue. There will also be Saturday field sessions scheduled. The training is approximately 40 hours, and includes classroom sessions, field demonstrations, and hands-on activities. Volunteers leave the training with a broad knowledge of the issues and a worm compost bin that they've built themselves.



If you would like to join the over
400 county residents trained as
Master
Recycler

Composters since the program began in 1990, call Karen May at the King County Solid Waste Division at (206) 296-4353 for an application. Space for the program is limited and applications need to be returned to Karen by February 27, 1998.

MAGAZINES GIVEN A SECOND LIFE

Funded by a *Less is More* waste reduction grant from the Seattle Public Utilities, *Magazines AGain* is a pilot project that redistributes donated unsold newsstand copies of consumer magazines to classrooms, literacy programs, and human service programs. Currently, *Magazines AGain* is distributing magazines to Seattle public schools, but is looking to expand their services into other school districts. For information on how to receive magazines as a free educational resource for your classroom, contact Tim Bernthal, Program Manager, at (206) 783-3088.

NUMEROUS AND DIVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

The Washington State Office of Environmental Education has myriad resources on a wide array of environmental subjects such as water quality, salmon, forest ecology, population, recycling, ethics, and agriculture. Materials are available for loan and/or purchase at very low costs. For more information, contact the Washington State Office of Environmental Education at 2800 NE 200th St., Seattle, (206) 365-3893 or visit their website at <http://cisl.ospi.wednet.edu>.

JOIN THE ECOTEAM

The City of Issaquah is recruiting families interested in being part of their EcoTeam Project. Participating households will work as teams with other families over a four-month period to support one another to reduce waste, use less energy and water, buy "eco-wise" products and encourage other neighbors to get involved. The program is designed to encourage voluntary citizen behavior change and neighbor-to-neighbor outreach. This program will be starting soon. If you are a resident within the Issaquah School District and are interested in participating in this program, please call Liz Schoen at (425) 837-3417.

VISIT THESE COOL ENVIRONMENTAL WEBSITES!

Global Recycling Network

<http://grn.com/>

Internet Consumer Recycling Guide

<http://www.best.com/~dillon/recycle/>

PEP National Directory of Computer Recycling

http://www.microweb.com/pepsite/Recycle/recycle_index.html

Recycler's World

<http://www.recycle.net>

Computer Recycling

<http://www.voicenet.com/~cranmer/recycling.html>

Environmental Recycling Hotline

<http://www.1800cleanup.org/>

Ecology Channel

<http://www.ecology.com/>

Environmental Education on the Internet

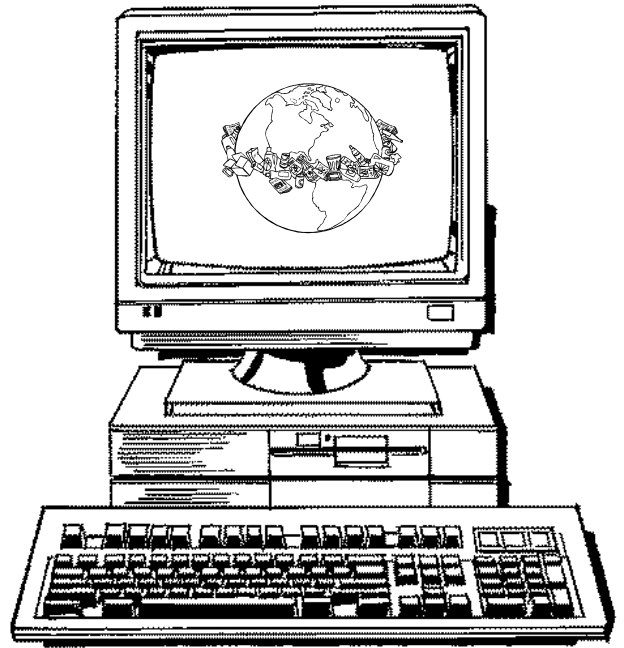
<http://nceet.snre.umich.edu/>

The Green Page: A Guide to Things Environmental on the Internet

<http://www.echonyc.com/!kamml/>

Project NatureConnect: Let Earth Speak

<http://www.pacificrim.net/~nature/earthday.html>



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